



COVID 19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell

Health & Family Welfare Department

Government of Kerala

**COVID-19 – Guidelines for Routine Vaccination including Out Reach
Immunisation program under UIP– Reg**

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WHO has declared the COVID-19 epidemic affecting more than 195 countries as a Pandemic. Due to the inflow of persons from affected countries, Kerala state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease.

National Immunisation Schedule is followed in the state under Universal Immunisation Programme in the state of Kerala. As per the advisory issued by GoI, children less than 10 years are asked to be confined to home environments as far as possible. As per the Schedule of vaccination there are vaccines to be given at specific intervals to children of this age group.

In this circumstance following advisories are issued with regard to the vaccination program in the state.

1. All Vaccination sessions including Out Reach Immunisation sessions usually carried out in Subcenters, Anganwadi Centers, etc. should be withheld until further orders. Field level Functionaries should keep a separate note on all these missed children and ensure that vaccination is done immediately after the restrictions are lifted off.
2. Also advised to continue the birth dose vaccination by BCG, Hepatitis-B 'Zero Dose' and OPV 'Zero Dose' as per National Immunisation Schedule for all Hospital Deliveries, if available in the delivery point.
3. Families of these children of the age group due for these antigens should be asked to follow the instructions of the Government of India and state Government to confine these children to their home environment, so as to avoid contact.

Principal Secretary